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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ending June 6, 1947)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3--This week's best buys include grapefruit, small oranges, and a plentiful supply of youngberries.

Apricots are becoming more abundant and are a fairly good buy, along with cherries, and lemons.

Strawberries, raspberries, and cantaloups are all pretty high priced. Watermelons are a little lower but still pretty high.

The first White Astrachan apoles of the season are now on the market, as well as the first currants from Alameda county, and a few nectarines and Black Mission figs from Tulare county.

There are also a few plums and a few Florence and Mayflower peaches. As for avocados, the Fuertes are gone and there are only a few of summer varieties.

Cucumbers, eggplant, and new crop dry onions are the week's outstanding vegetable buys. Asparagus, carrots, lettuce, soft squash, and spinach take second billing as good buys.

Potatoes are a fair buy with prices a shade higher on the new crop potatoes.

Small tomatoes are moderately priced, but the large sizes are pretty high.

Artichokes are getting scarce and are up in price. The same is true on snap beans. Corn is a little higher this week, and peppers remain high.

When we take a look at the meat picture, we see no startling changes over last week. There is a widespread demand for the beef slaughter, which is running about as large as for any time during the last three years, and has a predominant amount of grassy kinds. Choice grade beef is scarce. Liberal supplies of veal are largely of Utility and Commercial grades, but there is some improvement in demand evident. Demand continues good for lamb of mostly Good and Choice grades, but moderate supplies of ewe mutton are in very narrow demand. Fresh pork supplies are moving a little more freely, but the volume of smoked meats is light.

Butter is up one cent this week. Grade A (92 Score) is quoted at 64 to 65 cents per pound and Grade B (90 Score) butter at 62 cents. There has been a moderate gain in receipts, but they are still below the pre-war level.

On eggs, there is no change in price on Grade "A" Large and Mediums, but Grade "A" Small eggs are 2 cents per dozen lower because of liberal supplies and less demand. Quotations run at $54\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen on Grade "A" Large eggs, $51\frac{1}{2}$ cents on Mediums, $40\frac{1}{2}$ cents on Smalls, and $49\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen on Grade "B" Large eggs.

A glance at the poultry market shows us that there is no change on Leghorn broilers and fryers, but large-sized colored fryers and roasters are 1 to 2 cents per pound lower on both live and dressed weights. The consensus is that prices have reached the leveling off point and buyers are limiting their purchases to immediate needs. Less demand for the larger supplies of poorer quality Leghorn fowl finds both live and dressed weights selling 3 to 4 cents per pound lower. All other classes of poultry are unchanged in price from last week.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ending June 13, 1947)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10 -- The time is here to can apricots and youngberries--both are plentiful and a good buy this week. Other good buys include small oranges, grapefruit, and cherries. Although cherries are showing the effects of recent unfavorable weather they are about as low in price as they are likely to be.

Peaches are a fair buy at considerably lower prices. Nectarines are also becoming quite plentiful.

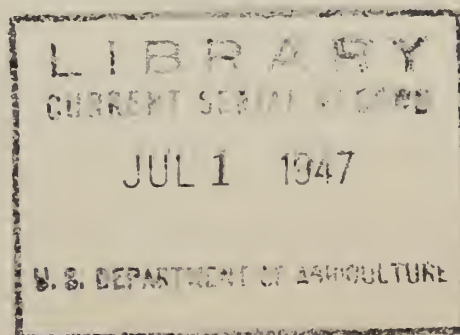
Strawberries and cantaloups are both a little lower priced, with cantaloups improving in quality.

Lemons are up in price while, figs and plums remain high.

In sizing up the vegetable situation we find dry onions to be one of the best buys, along with asparagus, carrots, eggplant, lettuce, potatoes and spinach.

Cucumbers are selling a little higher but are a fair buy, together with squash at a shade lower prices, and peppers that have dropped in price to about half what they brought last week.

Tomatoes are in heavy supply with prices dropping rapidly from the high levels reached last week. Their quality is improving, too.



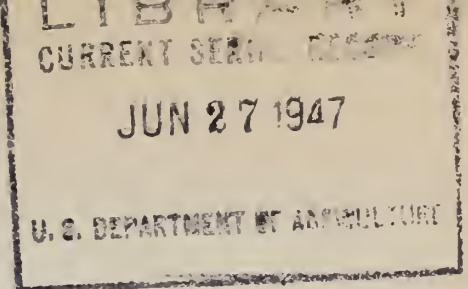
There's demand for meat these days! To prove it, let's look at this week's reports, which show us that local beef slaughter is considerably above average and about as large as for any time during the last three years. There is a widespread demand for beef, even though it is mostly grassy kinds with only a small amount of fed kinds. Choice grade is scarce. Supplies of veal and calf carcasses have been especially heavy during the past current week, with calf carcasses mainly of Good quality and veal mostly Commercial and Utility. Supplies of lamb are in broad demand and clearing daily at last week's one dollar higher prices. Quality is largely Good and Choice. Fresh pork cuts are also enjoying a very good daily demand. Smoked hams are plentiful, but bacon supplies are very light and in strong demand.

Normally the peak of butter production occurs around the second week in June. But this year there may be some delay because of a backward season. However, receipts are a good deal heavier as the result of production gains. Prices are about holding their own, with Grade A (92-Score) quoted at 65 cents per pound, compared with last week's 64 to 65 cents, and Grade B (90-Score) one cent lower at 61 cents per pound.

Small eggs are in heavier supply and less demand, but there is still a good demand for top grades of large and medium sizes. No change in prices. Grade A Large eggs are quoted at $54\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen, Mediums at $51\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Smalls at $40\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and Grade B Large eggs at $49\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

When it comes to poultry, we find that more demand for lighter supplies of young colored chickens has resulted in large fryers going up 1 to 2 cents per pound and roasters 1 to 3 cents. With receipts of Leghorn fowl and fryers more than ample for needs, prices are 1 to 2 cents per pound lower on Leghorn fowl, as well as on live colored fowl.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 -- Small oranges head the list of best fruit buys, with grapefruit and youngberries running close seconds.

Apricots rate only as a fair buy this week because their quality is not too good. Other fair buys include cantaloups in heavier supply and lower priced, Black Mission figs, lemons, nectarines, peaches, and plums.

In the scarce and high department we find avocados, strawberries, raspberries, and cherries.

The first Thompson seedless grapes of the season have arrived from Coachella Valley but are pretty high priced.

Cucumbers, lettuce, onions, and squash lead this week's parade of best vegetable buys.

Snap beans and peppers are down in price enough this week to get into the group of fair buys, along with carrots, okra, mushrooms, and tomatoes of improved quality. New potatoes are still a fair buy, although the Kern county season is nearing its end and prices are higher,

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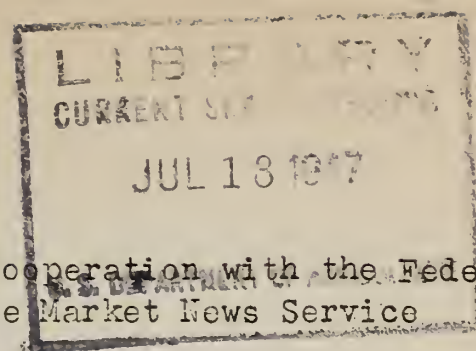
Meat supplies and consumer demand are running a vigorous race these days. During this past week, an unprecedented consumer demand cleaned up practically all available supplies except on mutton. As a result, prices are higher on almost all cuts. All beef is \$1.00 higher, with the pendulum swinging toward still higher prices. Spring lamb is up \$2.00; and the majority of pork cuts are from \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. With very little fed beef being offered, the quality is ranging from Good grade down. On calves, the quality is mainly Good and Choice, but largely Commercial on veal. There is about as wide a range of quality on lamb as any time during this spring season. Smoked hams are fairly plentiful, while the bulk of bacon is moving in packages.

Butter is up 2 cents this week under the influence of higher prices in Chicago and New York. Grade A (92 Score) is quoted at 67 cents per pound and Grade B (90 Score) at 63 cents. Although butter production in the Pacific Coast and Mountain states is considerably larger than last year, California is drawing butter from Washington and Oregon. Sales are showing a slight decrease.

Small eggs are 2 cents lower than last week at $38\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen for Grade "A." Otherwise prices are unchanged at $54\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen on Grade "A" Large eggs, $51\frac{1}{2}$ cents on Mediums, and $49\frac{1}{2}$ cents on Grade "B" Large eggs. The volume of eggs moving into storage here on the Pacific Coast is far less than a year ago, but there is a feeling that the peak in holdings has nearly been reached.

Poultry prices are little changed from a week ago. But both live and dressed colored fryers and roasters are 1 cent per pound higher as the result of a continued strong demand for lighter supplies.. Dressed young tom turkeys are also selling 1 to 2 cents higher. Leghorn chickens and fowl are unchanged in price, with supplies fully ample for all needs..

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 24—This is Home Food Preservation Week. And now that consumer rationing of sugar is an historical fact, homemakers are doubtless looking at the produce stands with an eye to getting some of our summer abundance under glass. Apricots are a good buy this week and can be considered for this project.

Other top notch buys are figs and small oranges, with nectarines and fairly heavy supplies of cantaloups and peaches following close behind.

Among the fair buys we find boysenberries, plums, and watermelons, which are now coming from both the San Joaquin and Imperial valleys.

Strawberries and raspberries are a little lower priced, while cherries are about through.

Grapefruit is getting scarce and high; lemons are up some; and large oranges remain high.

The first Gravenstein apples from Sonoma county have arrived on the market, as well as a few Persian and Cranshaw melons.

Leading this week's vegetable parade of best buys are snap beans at unusually low prices, followed by lettuce, onions, and Italian squash.

Carrying a fair buy banner are carrots (higher), cucumbers, mushrooms, peas (lower), peppers, potatoes, summer and crookneck squash, and that price temperamental fellow the tomato (lower).

Closing of local schools, dawn of summer vacations, and several days of warmer temperatures have been aids in easing off the strong demand for meat that has existed the last few weeks. Then, too, fiscal year contracts for the Quartermaster Corps and for the British have been filled. The majority of slaughterers are now back on a 40-hour work schedule, but there is plenty of all cuts. With practically no Choice grade beef offered, the bulk of the supply is running in Commercial to Good grades at prices \$1.00 higher on Commercial. There's not much change on veal. Quality of calf carcasses is mainly Good and Choice, while veal is mostly of Commercial and Utility grades. Offerings are being cleared daily. More plentiful and somewhat improved quality lamb is barely able to hold on to its recent upturn of \$1.00. Light supplies of ewe mutton continue in narrow demand. Less demand for pork finds little change. Skinned smoked hams are in fairly liberal supply, while bacon is holding a firm market and moving mostly in packages.

Butter prices are 1 cent per pound higher than last week in reflection of higher prices in Eastern markets. Grade A (92-Score) is quoted at 68¢ per pound and Grade B (90-Score) at 64¢. For the week ending June 14, San Francisco's retail sales were larger than for the previous week and considerably above last year. When we take a look at production, we find that it is holding above last year, but remains sharply below the 1936-1940 period. Storage holdings, on the other hand, are quite a bit lower than last year and show a marked drop below the last five years' average.

No change in prices on Small Grade "A" and Large Grade "B" eggs. But Grade "A" Large are up 1 cent at 55½¢ per dozen, and Mediums are 1¢ higher at 52½¢. A good retail demand and higher prices in Central Western and Eastern markets are influences. The into-storage movement is about over.

Less demand for poultry finds supplies ample, except for colored roasters. As for prices, both live and dressed small broilers and fryers are 1¢ per pound higher, and dressed old hen turkeys are up 2 to 3¢.

